

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3078 – SB 3058

February 2, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes employers to retain an administrative fee equal to five dollars from the judgment debtor each time a payment is made to the court for amounts of an employee's disposable earnings which are subject to garnishment.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Revenue – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- There would be no fiscal impact to state or local government when the garnished debtor is employed by the private sector. In such cases, any related fiscal impact would accrue to private parties (i.e. the private sector employer of the debtor, the debtor, and the creditor).
- There would be no fiscal impact to state or local government when the garnished debtor is employed by state government. In such cases, the Department of Finance and Administration is currently authorized to retain a five dollar administrative fee pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 26-2-222(b).
- There could be an increase to local government revenue when the garnished debtor is employed by local government. In such cases, the respective local government entity could receive the five dollar administrative fee. However, based on information received from the Department of Finance and Administration and the Administrative Office of the Courts, any increase to local government revenue is estimated as not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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